I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON APRIL 8, 2004, THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

CHRISTOPHER FAIRLEY, ET AL.

Title: CONFOCAL WAFER INSPECTION

METHOD AND APPARATUS

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## PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a one month extension of time, extending to April 17, 2004, the period for response to the outstanding Office Action in the above-entitled case, dated December 17, 2003. A check for \$110.00 and the responsive papers are attached.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in accordance with this Response beyond those included herewith. Should any fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 502026.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 8, 2004

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